Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

1812.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

At the Annual Communication of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, held at Mason's Hall, Boston, on Tuesday, September 15th, 5812.

PRESENT:

M.E. JAS. DEAN HOPKINS,	Grand High Priest.
M.E. HENRY FOWLE,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. HENRY PURKETT,	Grand King.
" SUMNER BASTOW,	Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*
" ANDREW SIGOURNEY,	Grand Treasurer.
" EDW'D HORSMAN,	Grand Secretary.
M.E. JNO. B. HAMMATT,	Grand Marshal.
SETH JOHNSON,	Grand Steward.
JOHN CHADWICK,	" "
EBEN'R OLIVER,	Grand Tyler.

M.E. BENJAMIN HURD, Grand High Priest N. S. A.
E. THOMAS JACKSON, Past Grand Scribe.

Comp. Josiah Calef admitted by vote.

Chapters.	*Representatives.*
St. Andrew's,	JOHN DIXWELL.
" "	JOSEPH JENKINS.
King Cyrus,	JOSEPH BROWN.

King Solomon's, . .	Sumner Bastow.
Mount Vernon, . .	John Loring.
" " . . .	Elisha Wheeler.
St. John's, . . .	Not represented.
Washington, . . .	Not represented.

Returns were received from the several Chapters, except St. John's and Washington. The Grand Secretary was directed to remind them of this omission.

The Committee on the form for Ceremonies of Installations had leave to suspend their report until the next meeting of the Grand Chapter, at which time they were enjoined to report.

The Committee on expulsions and the one on appropriate jewels, reported progress and had leave to sit again.

Voted, That Comps. John Dixwell, Joseph Brown and John B. Hammatt be a Committee to examine the accounts of the Treasurer and Secretary for the year past, and report what compensation shall be allowed for their services. The Committee having retired some time, on their return reported as the result of their investigation, that the records are fairly entered, that the accounts of the Treasurer are correct and properly vouched. That there is in the hands of the Grand Treasurer a balance of *fifty-five dollars and seventy-six cents* in favor of the Grand Chapter. Your Committee recommend that the Grand Secretary be allowed for his services the year past *fifteen dollars*.

Your Committee further recommend that a Committee be raised to take into consideration the arduous services of the Grand Treasurer, who has performed the duties of his office with great ability for nine years past and has been in advance of monies during most of the time, and to report what consideration shall be made him for his signal services.

The report of the Committee was unanimously accepted, and Comps. M.E. Henry Fowle, E. John Dixwell and E. Henry Purkett were chosen a Committee to take into consideration the services of the Grand Treasurer, &c., and to report thereon.

Lectures were given on the Mark and Royal Arch Degrees.

The time for election having arrived, the M.E. High Priest appointed Companions E. Thos. Jackson, E. Joseph Brown and Joseph Jenkins a Committee to collect and count the votes.

M.E. Jas. D. Hopkins was elected Grand High Priest, and being absent, Comps. Ex. T. Jackson, E. John Dixwell and E. Joseph Brown were appointed a Committee to wait upon him and inform him of his election to office. The Committee returned with the High Priest elect, who informed the Grand Chapter of his acceptance of the office.

E. John Abbot was duly elected Grand King.

E. Henry Purkett was duly elected Grand Scribe and declined, and was excused.

The following are the Grand Officers duly elected and appointed for the year ensuing, viz:

M.E. Jas. Dean Hopkins of Portland,	Grand High Priest.
" Henry Fowle of Boston,	Dep. G. High Priest
" John Abbot of Westford,	Grand King.
Rev. and E. Edw'd Turner of Salem,	Grand Scribe.
E. Andrew Sigourney of Boston,	Grand Treasurer.
E. Edw'd Horsman of Boston,	Grand Secretary.
E. John B. Hammatt of Boston,	Grand Marshal.
Rev. James Thompson of Barre,	Grand Chaplain.

Seth Johnson of Boston,	Grand Steward.
John Chadwick of Boston,	" "
Benj. Whitmore of Newburyport,	" "
Nicholas Pierce, Jr., of Newburyport,	" "
Richard Hunnewell of Newburyport,	Grand Tyler.
Ebenezer Oliver of Boston,	" "

The several officers were duly proclaimed by the Grand Marshal.

Comp. E. Edw'd Turner was duly installed Grand Scribe, by Sumner Bastow as proxy.

The officers present were duly qualified.

Voted, That Comps. M.E. Henry Fowle, E. Andrew Sigourney and E. Edw'd Horsman be a Committee to give Brother John Lathrop such information from the records of the Grand Chapter as may be deemed proper.

Voted, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be presented to Comp. E. Henry Purkett for his faithful services as Grand Marshal for several years and as Grand Scribe the year past.

Closed in due form.

Attest,

EDWD. HORSMAN,

Grand Secretary.

STATED MEETING.

At a Stated Meeting of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, held at Mason's Hall, Boston, on Tuesday evening, Dec. 15th, 5812.

Present:

M.E. Henry Fowle,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. Thomas Jackson,	Grand King, *pro tem.*
" Henry Purkett,	Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*
" Andrew Sigourney,	Grand Treasurer.
" Edw'd Horsman,	Grand Secretary.
" John B. Hammatt,	Grand Marshal.
Seth Johnson,	Grand Steward.
John Chadwick,	" "
Ebenezer Oliver,	Grand Tyler.

Chapters.	*Representatives.*
St. Andrew's,	Robert Lash, Jr.
" "	Joseph Jenkins.
St. John's,	James Lewis.
Mount Vernon,	James Gilchrist.

M.E. Benjamin Hurd, Grand High Priest, U. S. A.

Comps. Wm. Learned, John Loring and Sylvanus Baldwin admitted visiters by vote.

Voted, That the report of the Committee on installations and public processions be accepted. See report on file.

Voted, That Comps. Edw'd Horsman, Robert Lash, Jr. and Thomas Jackson be a Committee to have the accepted report of the Committee on installations and public processions printed, and forwarded to all the Chapters under this jurisdiction, and that the same Committee select such votes as have passed in Grand Chapter, (and are not already in the printed book of Regulations), as they may judge proper.

Voted, That the Committee last named be a Committee to examine the General Regulations of this Grand Chapter, and report such alterations as they may deem necessary for the benefit of the institution, and that the above Committee

suspend the printing until they have made a report on the General Regulations.

A communication was received from Comp. Edward Turner declining the office of Grand Scribe, and order thereon deferred until the next communication of the Grand Chapter.

The Committee on Expulsions were enjoined to report.

A communication was made by M.E. Henry Fowle relating to the Order of High Priesthood, and the manner in which it had been conferred in St. Andrew's Royal Arch Chapter, whereon it was *voted* that the report be placed on the files of the Grand Chapter, and that Comps. Henry Fowle, Thomas Jackson and Andrew Sigourney be a Committee to take into consideration the said report, and what further order shall be had thereon.

Closed in due form.

Attest,

EDW'D HORSMAN,

Grand Secretary.

STATED MEETING.

At a Stated Meeting of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, held at Mason's Hall, Boston, on Tuesday evening, June 15th, 5813.

PRESENT:

M.E. HENRY FOWLE,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. THOMAS JACKSON,	Grand King.
E HENRY PURKETT,	Grand Scribe.
" ANDREW SIGOURNEY,	Grand Treasurer.
" EDWARD HORSMAN,	Grand Secretary.
" JOHN B. HAMMATT,	Grand Marshal.
SETH JOHNSON,	Grand Steward.
JOHN CHADWICK,	" "
BENJ. WHITMORE,	" "
EBEN'R OLIVER,	Grand Tyler.

Chapters.	*Representatives.*
St. Andrew's,	ROB'T LASH, Jr.
" "	JOSEPH JENKINS.
Mt. Vernon,	JOHN LORING.

Comps. Hector Coffin, Levi Bartlett, Hezekiah F. Stone and Z. G. Whitman, admitted visiters by vote.

Voted, That the Committee on the subject of censures and expulsions be discharged. (See records, page 82.)

Voted, That Comps. E. Samuel L. Knapp, Gilman White and Thomas Carey be a Committee to take into consideration the subject of censures and expulsions of members in the several Chapters under this jurisdiction, and report upon the expediency of adopting some general regulations upon that subject.

The Committee appointed Sept. 15th, 1812, to take into consideration the services of the Grand Treasurer, reported, That upon recurrence to the records of the Grand Chapter, it appears that the Grand Treasurer has at different times advanced money to defray the necessary expences of the Grand Chapter to the amount of nearly $700, exclusive of two hundred dollars, which he was authorized to borrow in 1806. Your Committee are aware, that in the present state of our funds, it is impossible to make the Grand Treasurer a consideration in any degree equal to his merit, and the

high sense the Grand Chapter entertains of his useful and meritorious services; your Committee, however, recommend the adoption of the following resolution, viz: That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be presented to the Most Excellent Andrew Sigourney, Esq., for his faithful services in the office of Grand Treasurer during 10 years last past; and as a memorial of the high sense which this Grand Chapter entertain of his merit as a distinguished Mason and worthy member of the Order, he be presented with a piece of Silver-plate of the value of fifty dollars, the expense of which shall be paid from the funds of the Grand Chapter.

Voted, unanimously, that the foregoing report be accepted, and that Comps. M.E. Henry Fowle, M.E. Thos. Jackson, and E. Henry Purkett, be a Committee to carry the same into effect.

A communication was read from Bro. Chas. Turner, Jr., requesting to know if he should be considered a Royal Arch Mason in regular standing; whereon it was *Voted*, that said communication with accompanying documents be committed to the last named Committee.

Voted, That Comps. M.E. Jona. Gage, E. Stephen Howard, and E. William Woart, be a Committee to provide a dinner for the Grand Chapter at their Annual Meeting in September next.

Closed in due form.

Attest,

EDW'D HORSMAN,
Grand Secretary.